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ASHLEY OAKS WATER SYSTEM, INC.
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May 21, 2007

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Public Service Commission
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc.

Dear Mr. Terreni,

I am really angry about the Commission holding up the transfer of Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc., to the City of Columbia. Once again, this weekend, I had to endure many calls from angry customers because of very low water pressure. Not enough water to take a shower or to flush their toilets. I know their pain because I live in Ashley Oaks, Phase 1 and also have very low water pressure. I have done everything that DHEC has required of me. I have given my system to the City of Columbia (even though several years ago, they said they would pay me for it). I have spent over \$30,000 out of my own pocket to make the transfer because the City knowing my desperation, put conditions in the contract knowing that I had no choice but to except them. I immediately did all the things that were required of me by the end of January 2007, and have been pushing the City of Columbia to finish their part. You would think that since the average monthly water bill that the City will collect will be around \$75 per month or approximately \$90,000 per year that they would have hurried to complete the takeover. But that was not the case, I had to go down to their office and beg and plead for them to hook up to us knowing that if it didn't get done before the end of March, we would have problems and we do. I also called DHEC and the PSC to help me put pressure on the City, but got little help.

Finally, the City has hooked up to Ashley Oaks Water System and is waiting for the Public Service Commission's approval before taking over the system. You must approve the transfer now or have the City to provide emergency water until the transfer goes through. I will not go through another weekend with this system (Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc.). I cannot make water, I have no water, but the City of Columbia does have water. Please consider the approximately 350 people who are suffering.

I have some health issues that I have been putting off that I can't put off any further that will require me to be away from the Columbia area for as long as a month (alternative treatment), so I ask you please, do the right thing for Ashley Oaks Water System customers and approve the transfer this week.

Any and all Ashley Oaks Water System shortages or outages from this time forward, falls at the feet of Charles L.A. Terreni with the Public Service Commission.

Best Regards,

Michael D. Shelley, Sr.
President

cc: DHEC, Tyra Cunningham
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City of Columbia, John Dooley
Ashley Oaks Water System customers
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